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# **Appendix 5.2A**

## **Potential for Occurrence and Observed Species**



**Appendix 5.2A, Table 5.2A-1**  
**Special-Status Plants with the Potential for Occurrence**  
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Scientific Name	Common Name	Family	ESA/CESA/CNPS <sup>a</sup>	Blooming		Occurrence Potential <sup>b</sup>
				Period	Habitat Requirements	
<i>Astragalus crotalariae</i>	Salton milk-vetch	Fabaceae	None/None/CRPR 4.3	Jan-Apr	Perennial found in Sonoran desert scrub. May occur in saline soils. Known from clay flats, alkali sinks, mud flats, and roadsides.	Low Potential. Poor-quality suitable saline and alkaline habitat is present in BSA. Historical records of this species from 1985 are located within approximately 1 mile of the BSA. This species was not observed during protocol-level botanical surveys.
<i>Astragalus insularis</i> var. <i>harwoodii</i>	Harwood's milk-vetch	Fabaceae	None/None/CRPR 2B.2	Jan-May	Annual found in desert dunes, Mojave desert scrub, in gravel and sandy conditions. Commonly occurs on desert pavement. This species is not tolerant of saline conditions.	Not Expected. No suitable habitat in the BSA.
<i>Astragalus sabulorum</i>	Gravel milk-vetch	Fabaceae	None/None/CRPR 2B.2	Feb-Jun	Annual/Perennial found in desert dunes, Mojave and Sonoran desert scrub in flats, gravelly, sandy, wash conditions. Sometimes roadsides. This species is not known to occur in saline conditions.	Not Expected. No suitable habitat in the BSA.
<i>Calliandra eriophylla</i>	Desert fairy duster	Fabaceae	None/None/CRPR 2B.3	Feb-Mar	Perennial found in Mojave desert scrub in sandy washes, slopes, and mesas.	Not Expected. No suitable habitat in the BSA.
<i>Cylindropuntia munzii</i>	Munz's cholla	Cactaceae	None/None/CRPR 1B.3	May	Perennial found in Sonoran desert scrub. This species is not tolerant of saline conditions.	Not Expected. No suitable habitat in the BSA.
<i>Ditaxis claryana</i>	Glandular ditaxis	Euphorbiaceae	None/None/CRPR 2B.2	Oct-Mar	Perennial found in Mojave and Sonoran desert scrub on limestone or carbonate substratum.	Not Expected. No suitable habitat in the BSA.
<i>Euphorbia abramsiana</i>	Abrams' spurge	Euphorbiaceae	None/None/CRPR 2B.2	(Aug) Sep-Nov	Annual found in Mojave and Sonoran desert scrub. Known to occur in sandy depressions after summer rainfall. May not tolerate saline soils.	Not Expected. No suitable habitat in the BSA.
<i>Euphorbia arizonica</i>	Arizona spurge	Euphorbiaceae	None/None/CRPR 2B.3	Mar-Apr	Perennial found in sandy Sonoran desert scrub. Known to occur in sandy depressions after summer rainfall. May not tolerate saline soils.	Not Expected. No suitable habitat in the BSA.
<i>Euphorbia platysperma</i>	Flat-seeded spurge	Euphorbiaceae	None/None/CRPR 1B.2	Feb-Sep	Annual found in desert dunes and Sonoran desert scrub. Known to occur in sandy depressions after summer rainfall. May not tolerate saline soils.	Not Expected. No suitable habitat in the BSA.
<i>Herissantia crispa</i>	Curly herissantia	Malvaceae	None/None/CRPR 2B.3	(Apr) Aug-Sep	Annual/perennial found in Sonoran desert scrub. May occur in disturbed locations such as roadsides.	Not Expected. No suitable habitat in the BSA.
<i>Hymenoxys odorata</i>	Bitter hymenoxys	Asteraceae	None/None/CRPR 2B.1	Feb-Nov	Annual found in riparian scrub and Sonoran desert scrub.	Not Expected. Riparian habitat in the BSA was along drains and canals and is not suitable habitat for this species. No known records in vicinity. This species was not observed during protocol-level botanical surveys.
<i>Johnstonella costata</i>	Ribbed cryptantha	Boraginaceae	None/None/CRPR 4.3	Feb-May	Annual found in desert dunes, and sandy Mojave and Sonoran desert scrub.	Not Expected. No suitable habitat in the BSA.
<i>Juncus acutus</i> ssp. <i>leopoldii</i>	Southwestern spiny rush	Juncaceae	None/None/CRPR 4.2	(Mar) May-Jun	Perennial found in alkaline seeps and meadows, coastal marshes and swamps, and coastal dunes.	Low Potential. Poor-quality suitable habitat is present in BSA. No records of this species in the BSA. This species was not observed during protocol-level botanical surveys.

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<i>Juncus cooperi</i>	Cooper's rush	Juncaceae	None/None/CRPR 4.3	Apr-May (Aug)	Perennial found in saline meadows and seeps.	Low Potential. Poor-quality suitable habitat is present in BSA. No records of this species in the BSA. This species was not observed during protocol-level botanical surveys.
<i>Lycium torreyi</i>	Torrey's box-thorn	Solanaceae	None/None/CRPR 4.2	(Jan-Feb) Mar-Jun (Sep-Nov)	Perennial shrub found in Mojave and Sonoran desert scrub.	Not Expected. No suitable habitat in the BSA.
<i>Mirabilis tenuiloba</i>	Slender-lobed four o'clock	Nyctaginaceae	None/None/CRPR 4.3	(Feb) Mar-May	Perennial found in Sonoran desert scrub.	Not Expected. No suitable habitat in the BSA.
<i>Panicum hirticaule</i> ssp. <i>hirticaule</i>	Roughstalk witch grass	Poaceae	None/None/CRPR 2B.1	Aug-Dec	Annual found in sandy, silty depressions in desert dunes, Mojave and Sonoran desert scrub, and Joshua tree woodlands.	Not Expected. No suitable habitat in the BSA.
<i>Pilostyles thurberi</i>	Thurber's pilostyles	Apodanthaceae	None/None/CRPR 4.3	Dec-Apr	Parasitic perennial found most commonly on host plant Emory's indigo bush ( <i>Psorothamnus emoryi</i> ). Emory's indigo bush may occur on sandy beaches, but this species is not tolerant of saline soils.	Not Expected. No suitable habitat in the BSA.
<i>Salvia greatae</i>	Orocopia sage	Lamiaceae	None/None/CRPR 1B.3	Mar-Apr	Perennial shrub found in Mojave and Sonoran desert scrub. Not known to occur in saline habitats.	Not Expected. No suitable habitat in the BSA.
<i>Teucrium cubense</i> ssp. <i>depressum</i>	Dwarf germander	Lamiaceae	None/None/CRPR 2B.2	Mar-May (Sep-Nov)	Annual found in desert dunes, playa margins, and Sonoran desert scrub.	Not Expected. No suitable habitat in the BSA. No records of this species in the BSA.

Notes:

<sup>a</sup> Status Definitions:

CESA = California Endangered Species Act

ESA = Federal Endangered Species Act

CNPS = California Native Plant Act

CRPR = California Rare Plant Rank

1A = Presumed extinct from California

1B = Rare, threatened, or endangered in California and elsewhere

2A = Extirpated in California, common elsewhere

2B = Rare, threatened, or endangered in California, but more common elsewhere

4 = Plants of Limited Distribution – A Watch List

Threat ranks:

0.1 = Seriously threatened in California (over 80% of occurrences threatened / high degree and immediacy of threat)

0.2 = Moderately threatened in California (20–80% occurrences threatened / moderate degree and immediacy of threat)

0.3 = Not very threatened in California (less than 20% of occurrences threatened / low degree and immediacy of threat or no current threats known)

<sup>b</sup> Potential for Occurrence definitions are provided in the body text (Section 5.2.1.5.1)

Appendix 5.2A, Table 5.2A-2  
Special-Status Wildlife with the Potential for Occurrence  
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Habitat Requirements						
Common Name	Scientific Name	CESA/ESA	CDFW Status <sup>a</sup>	Other Status <sup>b</sup>	Potential for Occurrence <sup>c</sup>	
<b>Invertebrates</b>						
Monarch butterfly	<i>Danaus plexippus plexippus</i>	None/FC	None	None	Migratory invertebrate. Monarchs in the southwest live in canyons or riparian areas. They lay their eggs on milkweed ( <i>Asclepias</i> spp.), which caterpillars feed exclusively on. The adults will nectar on many other species besides milkweed.	Not Expected. No milkweed observed during botanical surveys of the BSA.
<b>Fish</b>						
Desert pupfish	<i>Cyprinodon macularius</i>	SE/FE	None	None	Desert ponds, springs, marshes and streams in Southern California.	Not Expected. No suitable habitat for this species in the BSA. This species is known to occur in the vicinity, but the project will not impact any water ways.
Razorback sucker	<i>Xyrauchen texanus</i>	SE/FE	FP	None	Found in the Colorado river bordering California.	Not Expected. No suitable habitat for this species in the BSA.
<b>Amphibians and Reptiles</b>						
Couch's spadefoot	<i>Scaphiopus couchii</i>	None	SSC	None	Temporary desert rain pools that last at least 7 days, within water temps > 15C, and subterranean refuge sites close by.	Not Expected. No suitable habitat for this species in the BSA.
Flat-tailed horned lizard	<i>Phrynosoma mcallii</i>	None	SSC	None	Restricted to desert washes and desert flats in central riverside, eastern San Diego, and Imperial counties.	Not Expected. No suitable habitat for this species in the BSA.
Lowland leopard frog	<i>Lithobates yavapaiensis</i>	None	SSC	None	Were found along the Colorado river and in streams near the Salton sea.	Not Expected. No suitable habitat for this species in the BSA.
Mojave Desert tortoise	<i>Gopherus agassizii</i>	ST <sup>d</sup> /FT	None	None	Most commonly inhabits desert scrub, desert wash and Joshua tree habitats. The desert tortoise requires friable soil for burrow and nest construction and prefers creosote bush habitat and areas with wildflower blooms.	Not Expected. No suitable habitat for this species in the BSA.
Sonoran Desert toad	<i>Incilius alvarius</i>	None	SSC	None	Breeds in temporary pools and irrigation ditches along the Colorado River and Southern Imperial Valley.	Not Expected. One historical CNDDDB occurrence from 1916, possibly extirpated. The project will not impact any water ways.
<b>Birds</b>						
Black skimmer	<i>Rynchops niger</i>	None	SSC	USFWS - BCC	Nest on gravel, bars, low islets, and sandy beaches. CDFW SSC status for nesting only.	Not Expected: No suitable nesting habitat in BSA. This species is known from Refuge and historical CNDDDB occurrence from 1998.
Black-tailed gnatcatcher	<i>Polioptila melanura</i>	None	WL	None	Primarily inhabits wooded desert wash habitats; also occurs in desert scrub habitat, especially in winter.	Not Expected: No suitable habitat in the BSA. Historical CNDDDB occurrences from 1968 and before. This species is uncommon to fairly common in the Refuge.
Burrowing owl	<i>Athene cunicularia</i>	None	SSC	USFWS - BCC	Inhabits open, dry annual or perennial grasslands, desert and scrublands characterized by low growing vegetation.	Present: Suitable habitat, sign, and live owls were observed within the BSA during the March 2022 surveys. CNDDDB occurrences of this species in the BSA.
California black rail	<i>Laterallus jamaicensis coturniculus</i>	ST/None	FP	USFWS - BCC	Inhabits freshwater marshes, wet meadows, and shallow margins of saltwater marshes bordering larger bays.	Not Expected: Protocol-level rail surveys conducted in 2022 in BSA did not detect any California black rail.
California brown pelican	<i>Pelecanus occidentalis californicus</i>	Delisted/Delisted	FP	None	Colonial nester on coastal islands just outside the surf line. Known to nest on Obsidian Butte and at mouth of Alamo River.	High potential: The BSA has no potential nesting or foraging (open water) for this species, but because of proximity to a known nesting colony on Obsidian Butte, this species would be expected to fly over the BSA. Nesting colonies also known from mouth of the Alamo River. Forages on open water of Salton Sea. CNDDDB records of this species in BSA vicinity. This species was not observed during biological surveys of the BSA.

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California gull	<i>Larus californicus</i>	None	WL	USFWS - BCC	Littoral waters, sandy beaches, waters and shorelines of bays, tidal mud-flats, marshes, and lakes. CDFW WL status only for nesting.	Present. Species was incidentally observed during surveys within the BSA; however, no suitable nesting habitat is present in the BSA. Historical CNDDDB occurrence from 1999 and before. This species is common to abundant in the Refuge year-round.
Cooper's hawk	<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	None	WL	None	Nest sites mainly in woodland, riparian growths of deciduous trees. CDFW WL for nesting only.	Present: Species was incidentally observed during surveys within the BSA; however, no suitable nesting habitat is present in the BSA. This species is reported as uncommon in the Refuge. This species was incidentally observed during biological surveys of BSA.
Crissal thrasher	<i>Toxostoma crissale</i>	None	SSC	None	Resident of southeastern deserts in desert riparian and desert wash habitats	Not Expected: Historical CNDDDB records from 1940-1960s of this species in BSA vicinity. This species is rare to very uncommon in the Refuge. No suitable riparian habitat in the BSA.
Gila woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes uropygialis</i>	SE/None	None	USFWS - BCC	In California, inhabits cottonwoods and other desert riparian trees, shade trees and date palms.	Not Expected. Historical CNDDDB occurrences of this species from 1940-1950's. This species uncommon to fairly common in the Refuge. No suitable riparian habitat in the BSA.
Gray-headed junco	<i>Junco hyemalis caniceps</i>	None	WL	None	Summer resident of Clark Mountain (Eastern San Bernardino county) and Grapevine mountains (Inyo county). Nesting only.	Not Expected. Historical CNDDDB occurrence from 1957. This species is rare to very uncommon in the Refuge.
Gull-billed tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	None	SSC	USFWS - BCC	Only known breeding colonies at San Diego bay and the Salton Sea. CDFW SSC status is for nesting only.	Not Expected. No suitable nesting habitat in the BSA. This species is known from the Refuge but only historical CNDDDB occurrences from 1998 are present in BSA vicinity.
Le Conte's thrasher	<i>Toxostoma lecontei</i>	None	SSC	USFWS - BCC	Inhabits open desert wash, desert scrub, alkali desert scrub and desert succulent scrub habitat. This species commonly nests in dense, spiny shrub or densely branched cactus in desert wash habitat.	Not Expected. No suitable nesting habitat in BSA. CNDDDB occurrence from 2009 in Refuge, but Refuge lists this species as extirpated breeding habitat.
Loggerhead shrike	<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>	None	SSC	None	Broken woodlands, savannah, pinyon-juniper, Joshua tree, and riparian woodlands, desert oases, scrub, and washes.	Low Potential. No suitable nesting habitat in BSA. CNDDDB occurrence from 2007. The Refuge lists this species as occasional.
Long-billed Curlew	<i>Numenius americanus</i>	None	WL	None	Inhibits Great Basin grassland, meadow and seeps. Favors gravelly soils and gently rolling terrain, and agriculture. Breeds in upland shortgrass prairies and wet meadows. Winters in Imperial County. CDFW WL for nesting only.	Present. Species was incidentally observed during surveys within the BSA; however, no suitable nesting habitat is present in the BSA. No documented occurrences in CNDDDB. Excluding the summer, long-billed curlew are reported as being common to abundant at the Refuge.
Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>	None	WL	None	Seacoast, tidal estuaries, open woodlands, savannahs, edges of grasslands and deserts, farms, and ranches. Clumps of trees or windbreaks are required for roosting in open country.	Not Expected. No potentially suitable nesting habitat in BSA. CNDDDB occurrences in desert scrub east of the BSA. Rare to very uncommonly present in Refuge.
Mountain plover	<i>Charadrius montanus</i>	None	SSC	USFWS - BCC	Inhabits Great Basin grassland and scrub, Mojavean desert scrub, and Sonoran desert scrub. Breeding sites located on cliffs. Forages far afield, even to marshlands and ocean shores. This species is known to overwinter and forage in agricultural lands in Imperial Valley.	Low Potential. No suitable breeding habitat in the BSA, but this species is known to forage and overwinter in agricultural lands. Numerous CNDDDB occurrences in BSA vicinity. This species is uncommon to fairly common in the Refuge. This species was not observed during biological surveys of the BSA.
Short-eared owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>	None	SSC	USFWS - BCC	Found in swamp lands, both fresh and salt lowland meadows, irrigated alfalfa fields. CDFW SSC status for nesting only.	Low Potential. No suitable nesting habitat in the BSA. Historical CNDDDB occurrence of this species from 1956. This species is rare to occasionally observed in the Refuge.

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Southwestern willow flycatcher	<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>	SE/FE	None	None	Inhabits riparian woodlands in southern California.	Not Expected: No suitable habitat in BSA. One CNDDDB occurrence in vicinity from 2007, and not reported from occurring in the Refuge.
Western Snowy Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus nivosus</i>	None/FT	SSC	None	Inhabits Great Basin standing waters, sandy shore, and wetland habitats. Needs sandy, gravelly, or friable soils for nesting.	Not Expected: No suitable nesting habitat in BSA. One historical CNDDDB occurrence of this species from 1999. This species is uncommon to fairly common in the Refuge.
White-faced Ibis	<i>Plegadis chihi</i>	None	WL	None	Forages in fresh emergent wetland, wet meadows, and flooded/irrigated pastures and croplands. Nests in dense fresh emergent wetland. CDFW WL for nesting only.	Present. Species was incidentally observed during surveys within the BSA; however, no suitable nesting habitat is present in the BSA. Historical CNDDDB occurrence from 1980. This species is common to abundant at the Refuge.
Yellow warbler	<i>Setophaga petechia</i>	None	SSC	USFWS - BCC	Riparian plant associations in close proximity to water. Also nests in montane shrubbery in open conifer forests in cascades and Sierra Nevada. CDFW SSC status for nesting only.	Low Potential. No suitable riparian nesting habitat in the BSA. Historical CNDDDB occurrences of this species from the 1952. This species is common, abundant or occasionally known in the Refuge. This species was not observed during biological surveys of the BSA.
Yellow-breasted chat	<i>Icteria virens</i>	None	SSC	None	Summer resident inhabits riparian thickets of willow and salt cedar near watercourses. CDFW SSC status for nesting only.	Not Expected: No suitable riparian habitat in the BSA. Historical CNDDDB occurrences of this species from the 1960s. This species is rare to very uncommon in the Refuge.
Yuma Ridgway's rail	<i>Rallus obsoletus yumanensis</i>	ST/FE	FP	None	Nests in freshwater marshes along the Colorado river and along the south and east ends of the Salton sea.	Not Expected: No suitable habitat identified in the BSA based on protocol-level rail surveys conducted 2022.
<b>Mammals</b>						
American badger	<i>Taxidea taxus</i>	None	SSC	Fur bearing mammal	Most abundant in drier open stages of most shrub, forest, and herbaceous habitats, with friable soils in uncultivated land.	Low Potential. Historical CNDDDB occurrences of this species from 1937. This species is known to occur on the Refuge. The BSA provides low quality suitable habitat. This species was not observed during biological surveys of the BSA.
Big free-tailed bat	<i>Nyctinomops macrotis</i>	None	SSC	None	Roosts in cliffs, rock crevices and some documentation of in buildings, caves, and tree cavities. This species prefers rocky and arid habitats including desert shrub, woodlands, evergreen forests, and riparian.	Low Potential. No CNDDDB records of this species in vicinity, but this species is known to occur on the Refuge. No suitable roosting habitat other than low quality buildings. This species may forage on agricultural lands in BSA and vicinity. This species was not observed during biological surveys of the BSA.
Desert bighorn sheep	<i>Ovis canadensis nelsoni</i>	None	FP	None	Widely distributed from the White Mountains in Mono County to the Chocolate Mountains in Imperial County.	Not Expected: Historical CNDDDB occurrence from 1986 near Chocolate Mountains. No suitable habitat in the BSA.
Desert kit fox	<i>Vulpes macrotis arsipus</i>	None	None	Fur bearing mammal	Inhabits open desert, shrubby, or shrub-grass habitat. This nocturnal species forages at night and typically resides in a den or burrow during the day.	Low Potential. No CNDDDB records of this species in vicinity, but this species is known to occur on the Refuge. This species was not observed during biological surveys of the BSA.
California leaf-nosed bat	<i>Macrotis californicus</i>	None	SSC	None	Roost in caves, mines and buildings. Utilizes desert riparian habitat.	Low Potential. No CNDDDB records of this species in vicinity, but this species is known to occur on the Refuge. No suitable roosting habitat other than low quality buildings. This species may forage on agricultural lands in BSA and vicinity. This species was not observed during biological surveys of the BSA.
Mexican long-tongued bat	<i>Choeronycteris maxicana</i>	None	SSC	None	Roosts in caves, mines, rock crevices, and abandoned buildings. Known to use thorn scrub, Palo Verde-saguaro desert, semi-desert grassland, oak woodland, tropical deciduous forests, and riparian vegetation.	Low Potential. No CNDDDB records of this species in vicinity, but this species is known to occur on the Refuge. No suitable roosting habitat other than low quality buildings. This species may forage on agricultural lands in BSA and vicinity. This species was not observed during biological surveys of the BSA.

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Pallid bat	<i>Antrozous pallidus</i>	None	SSC	None	Inhabits rocky canyons, open farmland, scattered desert scrub, grassland, shrubland, woodland, and mixed conifer forest.	Low Potential. Historical CNDDDB occurrences of this species from 1994. This species is known to occur on the Refuge. No suitable roosting habitat. This species may forage on agricultural lands in BSA and vicinity. This species was not observed during biological surveys of the BSA.
Pocketed free-tailed bat	<i>Nyctinomops femorosaccus</i>	None	SSC	None	Variety of arid areas in southern California; pine juniper woodlands, desert scrub, palm oasis, desert wash desert riparian, etc.	Low Potential. Historical CNDDDB occurrences of this species from 1994. This species is known to occur on the Refuge. No suitable roosting habitat. This species may forage on agricultural lands in BSA and vicinity. This species was not observed during biological surveys of the BSA.
Spotted bat	<i>Euderma maculatum</i>	None	SSC	None	Roosts in prominent rock features. Desert desert-scrub, pinyon-juniper woodland, ponderosa pine, mixed conifer forest, canyon bottoms, rims of cliffs, riparian areas, fields, and open pasture.	Low Potential. No CNDDDB records of this species in vicinity, but this species is known to occur on the Refuge. No suitable roosting habitat other than low quality buildings. This species may forage on agricultural lands in BSA and vicinity. This species was not observed during biological surveys of the BSA.
Western mastiff bat	<i>Eumops perotis californicus</i>	None	SSC	None	Many open, semi-arid to arid habitats, including conifer and deciduous woodlands, coastal scrub, grasslands, chaparral, etc. Roosts in crevices in cliff faces, high buildings, trees, and tunnels.	Low Potential. Historical CNDDDB occurrences of this species from 1994. No suitable roosting habitat. This species may forage on agricultural lands in BSA and vicinity. This species was not observed during biological surveys of the BSA.
Western yellow bat	<i>Lasiurus xanthinus</i>	None	SSC	None	Found in valley foothill riparian, desert riparian, desert wash and palm oasis habitats.	Low Potential. Historical CNDDDB occurrences of this species from 1994. This species is known to occur on the Refuge. No suitable roosting habitat. This species may forage on agricultural lands in BSA and vicinity. This species was not observed during biological surveys of the BSA.
Yuma hispid cotton rat	<i>Sigmodon hispidus eremicus</i>	None	SSC	None	Along the Colorado river and in grass and agricultural areas near irrigation waters. Refuge literature indicates this species is relatively common in agricultural fields and moist habitats.	Moderate Potential. CNDDDB occurrence of this species from 2008 in 1 mile buffer. This species is common in the Refuge. Moderate quality suitable habitat is present in the agricultural fields in BSA. This species was not observed during biological surveys of the BSA.

Notes:

Caspian tern were included in CNDDDB query but were not included in this analysis because their only spe f

<sup>a</sup> CDFW Status

<sup>b</sup> Other Status

CESA = California Endangered Species Act

CDFW = California Department of Fish and Wildlife

ESA = Federal Endangered Species Act

FC = Federal Candidate for listing

FE = Federally Endangered

FT = Federally Threatened

FP = Fully Protected

SE = State Endangered

ST = State Threatened

SSC = Species of Special Concern

USFWS BCC = United State Fish and Wildlife Service Bird of Conservation Concern

<sup>c</sup> Potential for Occurrence definitions are provided in the body text (Section 5.2.1.5)

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Common Name	Scientific Name	CESA/ESA	CDFW Status <sup>a</sup>	Other Status <sup>b</sup>	

<sup>d</sup> Desert tortoise are listed as CESA threatened. As of October 19, 2020, California Fish and Game Commission listed this species as candidate species for consideration as CESA endangered (2020).

**Appendix 5.2A, Table 5.2A-3**

**Observed Plant Species**

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Family	Species Name	Common Name	Cal-IPC/CDFA/CCR 4500 Noxious Weed
Aizoaceae	Sesuvium verrucosum	Western sea-purslane	
Amaranthaceae	Allenrolfea occidentalis	Iodine bush	
Amaranthaceae	Atriplex lentiformis	Big saltbush	
Amaranthaceae	Atriplex sp.	Saltbush species	
Amaranthaceae	Beta sp.	Beet (cultivated)	
Amaranthaceae	Chenopodium murale	Nettle leaf goosefoot	
Amaranthaceae	Salsola tragus	Russian thistle	Cal-IPC Limited/CDFA C/Yes
Amaranthaceae	Suaeda nigra	Bush seepweed	
Amaryllidaceae	Allium sp.	Onion (cultivated)	
Arecaceae	Phoenix dactylifera	Date palm	
Arecaceae	Washingtonia filifera	California fan palm	
Asteraceae	Chloracantha spinosa	Spiny Chloracantha	
Asteraceae	Eclipta prostrata	False daisy	
Asteraceae	Helianthus annuus	Common sunflower	
Asteraceae	Laennecia coulteri	Coutler's horseweed	
Asteraceae	Pluchea sericea	Arrow-weed	
Asteraceae	Sonchus oleraceus	Common sow thistle	
Asteraceae	Xanthium strumarium	Cocklebur	
Boraginaceae	Heliotropium curassavicum	Seaside heliotrope, Alkali heliotrope	
Brassicaceae	Sisymbrium irio	London rocket	Cal-IPC Limited/None/None
Caryophyllaceae	Spergularia marina	Saltmarsh sand-spurrey	
Convolvulaceae	Cressa truxillensis	Alkali weed	
Cyperaceae	Bolboschoenus maritimus ssp.	Alkali bulrush	
Fabaceae	Acacia pycnantha	Golden wattle	Cal-IPC Watch/None/None
Fabaceae	Medicago sativa	Alfalfa (cultivated)	
Fabaceae	Melilotus albus	White sweetclover	
Fabaceae	Melilotus indicus	Sourclover	
Fabaceae	Parkinsonia florida	Palo verde	
Fabaceae	Prosopis glandulosa	Honey mesquite	
Malvaceae	Malva parviflora	Cheeseweed, little mallow	
Malvaceae	Malvella leprosa	Alkali-mallow	
Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus sp.	Eucalyptus species	
Poaceae	Avena sativa	Oat (cultivated)	
Poaceae	Cynodon dactylon	Bermuda grass	Cal-IPC Moderate/None/None

Poaceae	<i>Distichlis spicata</i>	Salt grass	
Poaceae	<i>Leptochloa fusca</i>	Sprangletop	
Poaceae	<i>Phalaris minor</i>	Little-seeded canary grass	
Poaceae	<i>Poa pratensis</i>	Kentucky bluegrass	Cal-IPC Limited/None/None
Poaceae	<i>Polypogon monspeliensis</i>	Rabbitfoot grass	Cal-IPC Limited/None/None
Polygonaceae	<i>Rumex fueginus</i>	Golden dock	
Polygonaceae	<i>Rumex obtusifolius</i>	Bitter dock	
Rutaceae	<i>Citrus limon</i>	Lemon (cultivated)	
Rutaceae	<i>Citrus x sinensis</i>	Orange (cultivated)	
Tamaricaceae	<i>Tamarix sp.</i>	Salt cedar	Cal-IPC High/None/Yes
Typhaceae	<i>Typha domingensis</i>	Southern cattail	

**Appendix 5.2A, Table 5.2A-4**  
**Observed Wildlife Species**  
*Elmore North Geothermal Project*

Species Category	Common Name	Species Name
Reptiles	Marcy's checkered garter snake	<i>Thamnophis marcianus marcianus</i>
	Side-blotched lizard	<i>Uta stansburiana</i>
Birds	American avocet	<i>Recurvirostra americana</i>
	American coot	<i>Fulica americana</i>
	American kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>
	Barn swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
	Black-crowned night heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
	Black phoebe	<i>Sayornis nigricans</i>
	Black-necked stilt	<i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>
	Black-throated sparrow	<i>Amphispiza bilineata</i>
	Burrowing owl *	<i>Athene cunicularia</i>
	California gull *	<i>Larus californicus</i>
	California quail	<i>Callipepla californica</i>
	Cattle egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
	Common raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>
	Cooper's hawk *	<i>Accipiter cooperi</i>
	Costa's hummingbird	<i>Calypte costae</i>
	Double-crested cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax auratus</i>
	European starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
	Great blue heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>
	Great egret	<i>Casmerodius albus</i>
	Greater roadrunner	<i>Geococcyx californianus</i>
	Great-tailed grackle	<i>Quiscalus mexicanus</i>
	Ground dove	<i>Columbina passerine</i>
	Inca dove	<i>Columbina inca</i>
	Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>
	Long-billed curlew *	<i>Numenius americanus</i>
	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>
	Marsh wren	<i>Cistothorus palustris</i>
	Mourning dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>
	Northern harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>
	Northern shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>
	Red-tailed hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>
	Red-winged blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>
	Ring-billed gull	<i>Larus delawarensis</i>
	Rock pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>
Rough-winged swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>	
Ruddy duck	<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>	
Sandhill crane	<i>Grus canadensis</i>	
Snowy egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>	
Snowy plover	<i>Charadrius nivosus</i>	
Turkey vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	
Western meadowlark	<i>Sturnella neglecta</i>	
White pelican	<i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>	
White-faced ibis *	<i>Plegadis chihi</i>	
Yellow-rumped warbler	<i>Setophaga coronata</i>	
Mammals	Bobcat	<i>Lynx rufus</i>
	Botta's pocket gopher	<i>Thomomys bottae</i>
	Coyote	<i>Canis latrans</i>
	Raccoon	<i>Procyon lotor</i>
	Desert Cottontail	<i>Sylvilagus audubonii</i>

\* This is a special-status wildlife species with more information provided in Appendix 5.2A.

# Appendix 5.2B

## CNDDDB Figures - Confidential

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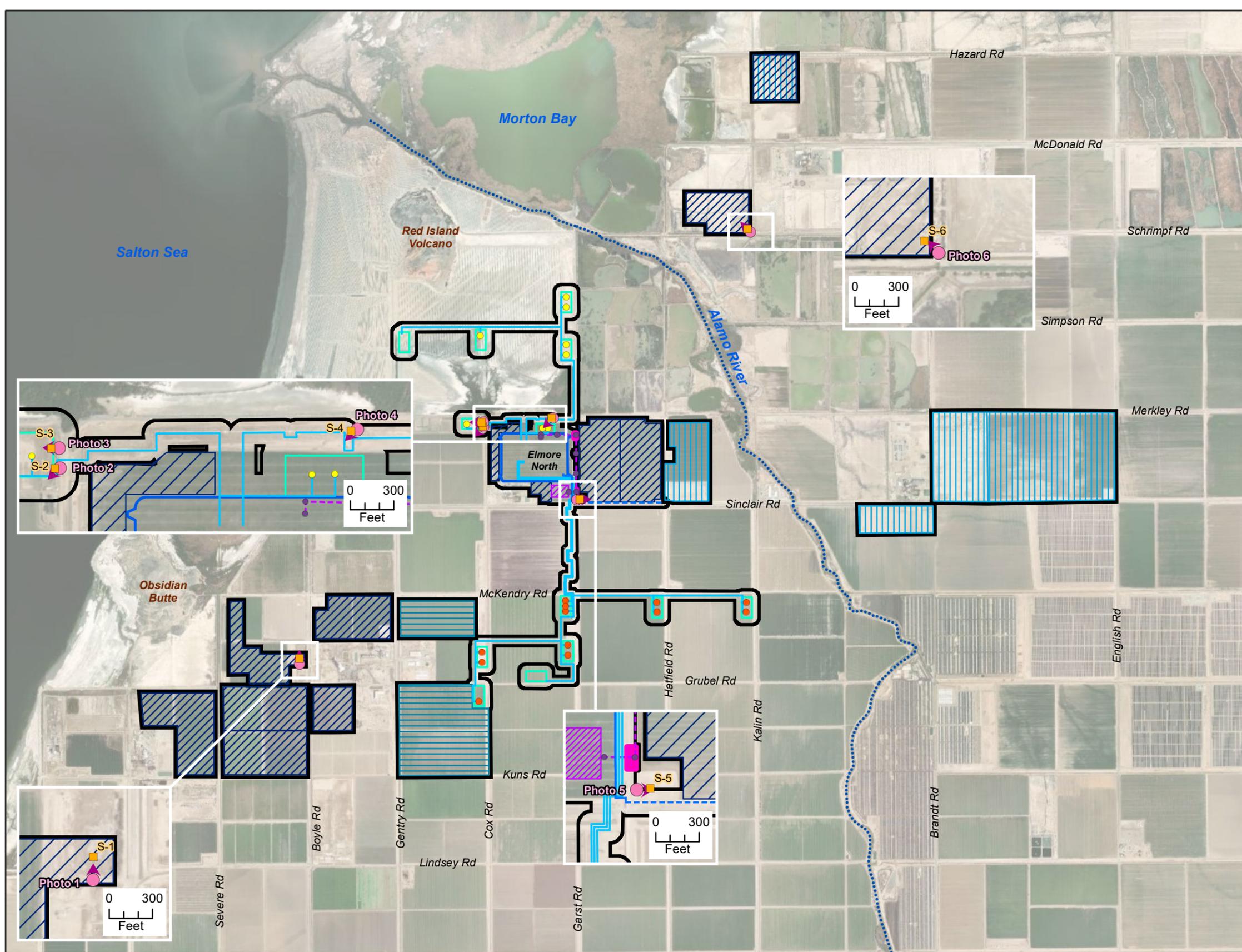
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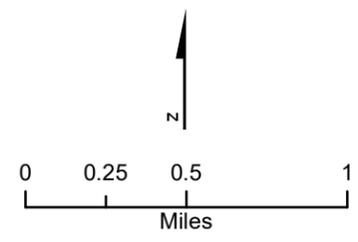
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**Appendix 5.2C**  
**Aquatic Resource Delineation**  
**Documentation**





- Legend**
- Biological Study Area
  - Sample Point
  - Photo Point
  - Plant
  - Well Pad
  - Injection Well
  - Production Well
  - Pipeline
  - Water Supply Pipeline
  - Gen-Tie Line Pole
  - Gen-Tie Line
  - Pull Site
  - Switching Station
  - Borrow Pit
  - Construction Camp
  - Construction Laydown and Parking Areas



**Appendix 5.2C Figure 1**  
**Aquatic Resource Delineation Results**  
**Elmore North Geothermal Project**  
 Imperial County, California



**Photo 1:** View to the north at **Sample Point 1**. Photo shows an area mapped by National Wetland Inventory (NWI) as excavated pond (PUSC<sub>x</sub>), but no wetland indicators are present.



**Photo 2:** View to the southwest at **Sample Point 2**. The area is NWI-mapped as PUSC<sub>x</sub>, but no indicators present.



**Photo 3:** View to the west at **Sample Point 3**. The area is NWI-mapped as PUSC<sub>x</sub>, but no wetland indicators are present.



**Photo 4:** View to the southwest at **Sample Point 4**. The area is NWI-mapped as PUSC<sub>x</sub>, but no indicators present.



**Photo 5:** View to the east at **Sample Point 5**. Photo shows an area mapped by NWI as PUSC<sub>x</sub>, but no wetland indicators are present.



**Photo 6:** View to the northwest at **Sample Point 6**. Photo shows an abandoned industrial pond mapped by NWI as PUSC<sub>x</sub> and by National Hydrography Dataset as an intermittent reservoir. No hydrology indicators are present and hydric soils are likely relictual.

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Project/Site: Elmore North Geothermal Project City/County: Imperial County Sampling Date: 3/1/22  
 Applicant/Owner: Elmore North Geothermal LLC State: CA Sampling Point: S-1  
 Investigator(s): R. Newton, R. John Section, Township, Range: S33 T 11S R13E  
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): cleared dirt parking lot? Local relief (concave, convex, none): none Slope (%): 0  
 Subregion (LRR): D - Interior Deserts Lat: 33.164214° Long: -115.624017° Datum: WGS84  
 Soil Map Unit Name: Holtville silty clay, wet NWI classification: PUSCx

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation , Soil \_\_\_\_\_, or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_, Soil \_\_\_\_\_, or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

**SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.**

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hydric Soil Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?</b> Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Remarks: Area mapped by NWI as a seasonally flooded excavated pond (PUSCx), but no wetland indicators are present. The Antecedent Precipitation Tool determined the area was drier than normal at the time of sampling.	

**VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.**

<u>Tree Stratum</u> (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	<b>Dominance Test worksheet:</b>	
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>0</u> (A)	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: _____ (B)	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>0</u> (A/B)	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	<b>Prevalence Index worksheet:</b>	
_____ = Total Cover					_____ Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: _____
<u>Sapling/Shrub Stratum</u> (Plot size: _____)				OBL species _____ x 1 = _____	
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	FACW species _____ x 2 = _____	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	FAC species _____ x 3 = _____	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	FACU species _____ x 4 = _____	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	UPL species _____ x 5 = _____	
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	Column Totals: _____ (A) _____ (B)	
_____ = Total Cover				Prevalence Index = B/A = _____	
<u>Herb Stratum</u> (Plot size: <u>5' radius</u> )				<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:</b>	
1. _____	_____	_____	_____		___ Dominance Test is >50%
2. _____	_____	_____	_____		___ Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 <sup>1</sup>
3. _____	_____	_____	_____		___ Morphological Adaptations <sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)
4. _____	_____	_____	_____		___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain)
5. _____	_____	_____	_____		<sup>1</sup> Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
6. _____	_____	_____	_____		
7. _____	_____	_____	_____		
8. _____	_____	_____	_____	<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?</b> Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
0 = Total Cover					
<u>Woody Vine Stratum</u> (Plot size: _____)					
1. _____	_____	_____	_____		
2. _____	_____	_____	_____		
_____ = Total Cover					
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum <u>100</u>		% Cover of Biotic Crust <u>0</u>			

Remarks:  
 No vegetation present. Area has been cleared of vegetation and may serve as parking for neighboring industries.



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 Applicant/Owner: Elmore North Geothermal LLC State: CA Sampling Point: S-2  
 Investigator(s): R. Newton, R. John Section, Township, Range: S33 T 11S R13E  
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): manmade terrace Local relief (concave, convex, none): none Slope (%): 0  
 Subregion (LRR): D - Interior Deserts Lat: 33.162224° Long: -115.631193° Datum: WGS84  
 Soil Map Unit Name: Imperial-Glenbar silty clay loams, wet, 0 to 2 percent slopes NWI classification: PUSCx

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_, Soil \_\_\_\_\_, or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_, Soil \_\_\_\_\_, or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

### SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hydric Soil Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?</b> Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Remarks: Area mapped by NWI as PUSCx, but no wetland indicators are present. The Antecedent Precipitation Tool determined the area was drier than normal at the time of sampling.	

### VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Dominance Test worksheet:
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>0</u> (A)
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>1</u> (B)
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>0</u> (A/B)
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	
_____ = Total Cover				
<b>Prevalence Index worksheet:</b>				
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: <u>15' radius</u> )		Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: _____		
1. <u>Atriplex lentiformis</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>FACU</u>	OBL species _____ x 1 = _____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	FACW species _____ x 2 = _____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	FAC species _____ x 3 = _____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	FACU species <u>20</u> x 4 = <u>80</u>
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	UPL species _____ x 5 = _____
<u>20</u> = Total Cover				Column Totals: <u>20</u> (A) <u>80</u> (B)
				Prevalence Index = B/A = <u>4.0</u>
<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Dominance Test is >50% <input type="checkbox"/> Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 <sup>1</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> Morphological Adaptations <sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet) <input type="checkbox"/> Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain)				
<sup>1</sup> Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.				
<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?</b> Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Herb Stratum (Plot size: _____)				
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	
6. _____	_____	_____	_____	
7. _____	_____	_____	_____	
8. _____	_____	_____	_____	
_____ = Total Cover				
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: _____)				
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
_____ = Total Cover				
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum <u>100</u> % Cover of Biotic Crust <u>0</u>				

Remarks:

**SOIL**

Sampling Point:     S-2    

<b>Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)</b>								
Depth (inches)	Matrix		Redox Features				Texture	Remarks
	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type <sup>1</sup>	Loc <sup>2</sup>		
0 - 3	7.5 YR 4/3	100					SiLo	~40% gravels
3 - 16	7.5 YR 4/3	100					SiLo	

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 Applicant/Owner: Elmore North Geothermal LLC State: CA Sampling Point: S-3  
 Investigator(s): R. Newton, R. John Section, Township, Range: S33 T 11S R13E  
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): remnant agricultural field Local relief (concave, convex, none): none Slope (%): 0  
 Subregion (LRR): D - Interior Deserts Lat: 33.164214° Long: -115.624017° Datum: WGS84  
 Soil Map Unit Name: Holtville silty clay, wet NWI classification: PUSCx

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_, Soil \_\_\_\_\_, or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_, Soil \_\_\_\_\_, or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

**SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.**

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hydric Soil Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?</b> Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Remarks: Area mapped by NWI as PUSCx, but no wetland indicators present. Area appears to have been cleared and grubbed. The Antecedent Precipitation Tool determined the area was drier than normal at the time of sampling.	

**VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.**

Tree Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	<b>Dominance Test worksheet:</b> Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>0</u> (A) Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>1</u> (B) Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>0</u> (A/B)
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	
_____ = Total Cover				<b>Prevalence Index worksheet:</b> Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: _____ OBL species _____ x 1 = _____ FACW species _____ x 2 = _____ FAC species _____ x 3 = _____ FACU species <u>10</u> x 4 = <u>40</u> UPL species _____ x 5 = _____ Column Totals: <u>10</u> (A) <u>40</u> (B) Prevalence Index = B/A = <u>4.0</u>
<b>Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: <u>15' radius</u>)</b>				
1. <u>Atriplex lentiformis</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>FACU</u>	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	
<u>10</u> = Total Cover				
<b>Herb Stratum (Plot size: <u>5' radius</u>)</b>				
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	
6. _____	_____	_____	_____	
7. _____	_____	_____	_____	
8. _____	_____	_____	_____	
<u>0</u> = Total Cover				
<b>Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: _____)</b>				
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
_____ = Total Cover				
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum <u>100</u>		% Cover of Biotic Crust <u>0</u>		

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**  
 \_\_\_ Dominance Test is >50%  
 \_\_\_ Prevalence Index is ≤3.0<sup>1</sup>  
 \_\_\_ Morphological Adaptations<sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)  
 \_\_\_ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation<sup>1</sup> (Explain)

<sup>1</sup>Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Remarks:



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Project/Site: Elmore North Geothermal Project City/County: Imperial County Sampling Date: 3/14/22  
 Applicant/Owner: Elmore North Geothermal LLC State: CA Sampling Point: S-4  
 Investigator(s): R. Newton, R. John Section, Township, Range: S27 T11S R13E  
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): leveled agricultural field Local relief (concave, convex, none): none Slope (%): 0  
 Subregion (LRR): D - Interior Deserts Lat: 33.182913° Long: -115.606245° Datum: WGS84  
 Soil Map Unit Name: Imperial-Glenbar silty clay loams, wet, 0 to 2 percent slopes NWI classification: PUSCx  
 Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_, Soil \_\_\_\_\_, or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_, Soil \_\_\_\_\_, or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

### SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hydric Soil Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?</b> Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Remarks: Area mapped by NWI as PUSC <sub>x</sub> , but no indicators present. Area appears to have been cleared and grubbed, and is currently part of geothermal infrastructure. The Antecedent Precipitation Tool determined the area was drier than normal at the time of sampling.	

### VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	<b>Dominance Test worksheet:</b> Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>0</u> (A) Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>1</u> (B) Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>0</u> (A/B)
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	
_____ = Total Cover				<b>Prevalence Index worksheet:</b> Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: _____ OBL species _____ x 1 = _____ FACW species _____ x 2 = _____ FAC species _____ x 3 = _____ FACU species <u>10</u> x 4 = <u>40</u> UPL species _____ x 5 = _____ Column Totals: <u>10</u> (A) <u>40</u> (B) Prevalence Index = B/A = <u>4.0</u>
_____ = Total Cover				
<b>Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: _____)</b>				
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	
_____ = Total Cover				
<b>Herb Stratum (Plot size: <u>5' radius</u>)</b>				
1. <u>Malvella leprosa</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>FACU</u>	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	
6. _____	_____	_____	_____	
7. _____	_____	_____	_____	
8. _____	_____	_____	_____	
<u>10</u> = Total Cover				
<b>Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: _____)</b>				
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
_____ = Total Cover				
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum <u>90</u>		% Cover of Biotic Crust <u>0</u>		
<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:</b> ___ Dominance Test is >50% ___ Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 <sup>1</sup> ___ Morphological Adaptations <sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet) ___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain)				
<sup>1</sup> Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.				
<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?</b> Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

Remarks:



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Project/Site: Elmore North Geothermal Project City/County: Imperial County Sampling Date: 3/14/22  
 Applicant/Owner: Elmore North Geothermal LLC State: CA Sampling Point: S-5  
 Investigator(s): R. Newton, M. King Section, Township, Range: S27 T11S R13E  
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): manmade terrace Local relief (concave, convex, none): none Slope (%): 0  
 Subregion (LRR): D - Interior Deserts Lat: 33.183550° Long: -115.603048° Datum: WGS84  
 Soil Map Unit Name: Imperial-Glenbar silty clay loams, wet, 0 to 2 percent slopes NWI classification: PUSCx

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_, Soil , or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_, Soil \_\_\_\_\_, or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

**SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.**

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hydric Soil Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?</b> Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Remarks: Area mapped by NWI as a seasonally flooded excavated pond (PUSCx). No wetland indicators are present. The Antecedent Precipitation Tool determined the area was drier than normal at the time of sampling.	

**VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.**

<u>Tree Stratum</u> (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	<b>Dominance Test worksheet:</b>	
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>0</u> (A)	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: _____ (B)	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>0</u> (A/B)	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	<b>Prevalence Index worksheet:</b>	
_____ = Total Cover					_____ Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: _____
<u>Sapling/Shrub Stratum</u> (Plot size: _____)				OBL species _____ x 1 = _____	
1. _____				FACW species _____ x 2 = _____	
2. _____				FAC species _____ x 3 = _____	
3. _____				FACU species _____ x 4 = _____	
4. _____				UPL species _____ x 5 = _____	
5. _____				Column Totals: _____ (A) _____ (B)	
_____ = Total Cover				Prevalence Index = B/A = <u>0</u>	
<u>Herb Stratum</u> (Plot size: <u>5' radius</u> )				<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:</b>	
1. _____					___ Dominance Test is >50%
2. _____					___ Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 <sup>1</sup>
3. _____					___ Morphological Adaptations <sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)
4. _____					___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain)
5. _____					<sup>1</sup> Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
6. _____					
7. _____					
8. _____				<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?</b> Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
0 = Total Cover					
<u>Woody Vine Stratum</u> (Plot size: _____)					
1. _____					
2. _____					
_____ = Total Cover					
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum <u>100</u>	% Cover of Biotic Crust <u>0</u>				

Remarks:  
 Constructed nature of the area likely precludes vegetative growth.



## WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Arid West Region

Project/Site: Elmore North Geothermal Project City/County: Imperial County Sampling Date: 3/14/22  
 Applicant/Owner: Elmore North Geothermal LLC State: CA Sampling Point: S-6  
 Investigator(s): R. Newton, M. King Section, Township, Range: S23 T 11S R13E  
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): excavation Local relief (concave, convex, none): none Slope (%): 0  
 Subregion (LRR): D - Interior Deserts Lat: 33.199224° Long: -115.580945° Datum: WGS84  
 Soil Map Unit Name: Imperial silty clay, wet NWI classification: PUSCx

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_, Soil \_\_\_\_\_, or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_, Soil \_\_\_\_\_, or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

### SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____ Hydric Soil Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?</b> Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Remarks: Area mapped by NWI as PUSCx and NHD as an intermittent reservoir, but no hydric soil or wetland hydrology indicators are present. The Antecedent Precipitation Tool determined the area was drier than normal at the time of sampling.	

### VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	<b>Dominance Test worksheet:</b> Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>1</u> (A) Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>1</u> (B) Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>100</u> (A/B)
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	
_____ = Total Cover				<b>Prevalence Index worksheet:</b> Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: _____ OBL species _____ x 1 = _____ FACW species <u>8</u> x 2 = <u>16</u> FAC species _____ x 3 = _____ FACU species _____ x 4 = _____ UPL species _____ x 5 = _____ Column Totals: <u>8</u> (A) <u>16</u> (B) Prevalence Index = B/A = <u>2.0</u>
<b>Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: <u>15' radius</u>)</b>				
1. <u>Allenrolfea occidentalis</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>FACW</u>	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	
<u>8</u> = Total Cover				
<b>Herb Stratum (Plot size: <u>5' radius</u>)</b>				
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	
6. _____	_____	_____	_____	
7. _____	_____	_____	_____	
8. _____	_____	_____	_____	
<u>0</u> = Total Cover				
<b>Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: _____)</b>				
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
_____ = Total Cover				
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum <u>100</u>		% Cover of Biotic Crust <u>0</u>		
Remarks:				

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**  
 Dominance Test is >50%  
 Prevalence Index is ≤3.0<sup>1</sup>  
 Morphological Adaptations<sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)  
 Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation<sup>1</sup> (Explain)

<sup>1</sup>Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?** Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

**SOIL**

Sampling Point:     S-6    

<b>Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)</b>								
Depth (inches)	Matrix		Redox Features				Texture	Remarks
	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type <sup>1</sup>	Loc <sup>2</sup>		
0 - 8	7.5 YR 5/3	100					SiLo	
8-17	7.5 YR 4/3	92	7.5 YR 5/1	8	C	M	SiLo	